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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Rs. 23,091."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the correspondent of this institution—St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput—is carrying on anti-Indian activities? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No such thing has come to the notice of the Government."

Executive Officer for Pappinisseri Panchayat Board.

* 1455 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an Executive Officer has been appointed for the Pappinisseri Panchayat Board in Chirakkal taluk; and

(*b*) whether a request was made by the Board not to appoint an Executive Officer on grounds that the Board cannot afford to meet the expenditure?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there has been a tremendous fall in the revenue derived by the panchayat board and in view also of the request made by the panchayat board to keep the decision of the Government to appoint an Executive Officer in abeyance, will the Government accept the suggestion of the panchayat board and thus save it from financial collapse? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The policy of the Government is to appoint Executive Officers for all A class panchayat boards. Accordingly, the Government have appointed an Executive Officer for the Pappinisseri Panchayat Board also. The income derived by the panchayat board is Rs. 12,000 and the population of the village is more than 13,000. The panchayat board can afford to pay the salary of the Executive Officer."

Cox Colony, Chintadripet.

* 1456 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tenements constructed for the benefit of Harijans in the Cox Colony at Chintadripet, Madras ;

(*b*) the area of the tenement and the number of rooms constructed ;

(*c*) the estimated cost of construction of the tenements;

(*d*) the number of Harijan families and the population of Harijans residing in the colony ;

(*e*) the number of tenements to be constructed in 1955;

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(*f*) whether the Government have recently received any representation from the residents' and tenants' association at Chintadripet requesting the Government to construct further tenements with adequate space for a family to move about;

(*g*) the rent collected from the occupiers of the tenements and whether the tenements will be assigned to them after certain number of years;

(*h*) if so, the period of occupation and the amount of loan to be collected; and

(*i*) whether any Harijan was occupying the Cox Cheri tenements originally constructed for the use of Harijans but subsequently let out to caste Hindus on a high rent?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Forty tenements have been constructed.

" (*b*) The plinth area of each tenement is 170 square feet. It consists of a veranda, a kitchen, a living room, flush-out latrine and an open court-yard.

" (*c*) The actual total cost of construction for 40 tenements is Rs. 32,000.

" (*d*) Originally, there were 71 Harijan families. Accommodation has now been given to 38 families in the same area.

" (*e*) A second block of 40 tenements is being constructed now at an estimated cost of Rs. 32,000.

" (*f*) Yes. The matter has been separately examined and given up as impracticable for want of land for providing additional accommodation.

" (*g*) A rent of Rs. 3 (three) is collected from each tenant. The tenements will not be assigned to occupants.

" (*h*) The question does not arise.

" (*i*) No."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know how many Harijans were evicted from the Cox Cheri, Chintadripet, and how many of them were given alternative sites in Kodambakkam? May I also know whether the Government are aware of the whereabouts of those Harijans for whom alternative sites have not been provided?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Some Harijans have gone to Kodambakkam. I do not know what has happened to other people."

French-Indian Freedom struggle.

* 1457 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Government of India for the grant of any compensation to the dependents of the martyrs of French-Indian freedom struggle?